

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the allowance of claim 18, and the indication that claims 3 and 16 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2-14, 16-18 and 28 are now pending, with claims 3, 16 and 18 being the independent claims. The Specification has been amended. Claims 1, 15, 19-27 and 29 have been canceled.

Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 29. Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 15. Since claims 3 and 16 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicant submits that independent claims 3 and 16 are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2, 4-14 and 28 all depend from these independent claims and are therefore allowable because the independent claims are allowable. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference numerals 550 and 551 in Fig. 5 that are not mentioned in the description. In response to this objection, Applicant has amended the specification to provide a description of reference numerals 550 and 551. Therefore, the drawings are now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Withdrawal of the objection is in order.

The specification has been objected to based on certain informalities. In response to the objections, Applicant has amended the specification in a manner that is believed to address each specific objection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification are respectfully requested.

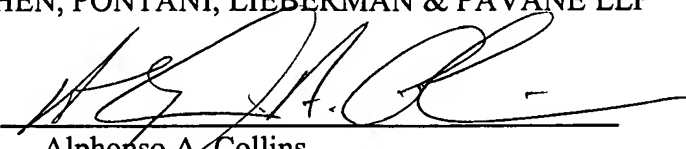
In the Office Action dated April 5, 2006, claims 4-6, 10-13, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 27 were objected to based on certain informalities. In response to the objections, Applicant has amended the claims in a manner that is believed to address each specific objection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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